

A. B. GREENWOOD.

JULY 27, 1876.—Committed to a Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 3653.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3653) for the relief of A. B. Greenwood, of Barry County, Missouri, have considered the same, recommend its passage, and submit the following report:

It appears that from ———, A. D. 1859 until March 4, A. D. 1861, A. B. Greenwood was Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that, at the request of the then Secretary of the Interior and the President of the United States, in the fall of 1860 he made a trip to Bent's Fort, on the upper waters of the Arkansas River, for the purpose of making a treaty with the Cheyennes and Arapahoe Indians. Before starting, \$10,000 was placed to his credit in Saint Louis, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the expedition and purchasing goods and presents for the Indians; \$3,000 of this amount was returned and covered into the Treasury of the United States, the balance stands charged against Mr. Greenwood on the books in the Treasury Department. Mr. Greenwood claims that this amount was expended and vouchers taken therefor, but upon a recent examination vouchers for but a portion of the said amount can be found in the Office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, where they should be on file. Mr. Greenwood also alleges that he can prove by competent testimony that he faithfully expended the entire amount not returned in the public service, and that vouchers were taken and duly placed on file by the proper officials then in charge of the office where they belonged.

It further appears that Mr. Greenwood is charged with the further sum of \$21,906.23 for property received from the United States. Mr. Greenwood alleges that this grew out of the following facts: That while on the visit to the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians, as above stated, he thought it for the good of the service to accept the resignation of Indian Agent W. W. Bent, stationed at Bent's Fort, which he did, giving him a receipt for the entire amount of Government property under his control, which was the identical property with which he stands charged, to wit, \$21,906.23, but that he immediately thereafter appointed one A. G. Boone successor to Mr. Bent, and, in turn, took his receipt for the same property, which was regularly turned over to Mr. Boone. A letter now on file in the Office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs from Mr. Boone acknowledges having receipted to the Commissioner, Greenwood,

for the property, but the formal receipt of Boone to Greenwood cannot be found. Mr. Greenwood alleges that the property received of Bent and turned over to Boone was all the property he ever had under his control belonging to the Government while he was in said office, and that he can prove the above facts as stated, if permitted so to do.

The statement of Mr. Greenwood being corroborated by the letter of Boone and other testimony before the committee, it is deemed right and just to permit Mr. Greenwood to have his accounts re-adjusted by the proper accounting-officers of the Treasury; and as he was not informed of the condition of the same until last summer, your committee deem it fair and proper that the same be settled upon the principles of justice and equity, and report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

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